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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Responsive to telephone conversations with Examiner, please amend the above identified Application as follows

In the Claims:

Rewrite claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 12 and 13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A thermoplastic molding composition comprising:  
rice hull [particulates] material pretreated with sodium peroxide and  
with an effective amount of thermoplastic resin and [plastic] thermoplastic  
material.

2. (Amended) A thermoplastic molding composition as recited in  
Claim 1 wherein said rice hull material contains residue of sodium peroxide  
in the amount of 1 to 7 percent by weight/.

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